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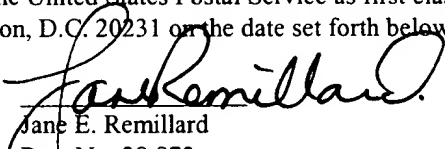
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 1, 2001 (Paper No.8).
A request for the appropriate extension of time in which to respond is being filed concurrently herewith. Responsive to the Office Action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 43.

Please amend claim 40 as follows:

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